(b) and (c) Review of existing legislations is a continuous process. One of the important initiatives taken by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in this regard is review of the existing Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 by an Expert Committee under the eminent scientist Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. The recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by the Central Government for implementation including appropriate statutory changes.

(d) No, sir.

Advertisement of sale of endangered wild animals

1863 . DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that several e-portals have put advertisements for sale of endangered wild animals including Bengal Tigers:

(b) if so, what action have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the advertisers have been punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) Instances of advertisement/sale of wildlife and their derivatives on foreign e-portals have come to light. This Ministry is not aware of any offence registered within the country in this regard.

Resource crunch faced by G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan environment and research

1864. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Research has been facing severe resource crunch which has hampered its normal functioning;

(b) the funds allocated for various research projects and for maintenance of facilities during the last three years, project-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government are also aware that various posts in the scientist cadre and administrative cadre are lying vacant;

(d) if so, the details of vacant posts in the institute alongwith details of the posts which are likely to be filled through deputation, cadre-wise; and

(e) by when the vacancies are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development (GBPIHED) has been receiving funds as per their requirements. Hence there is no question of any resource crunch being faced by the Institute.

(b) The details of funds allocated for various research projects, maintenance of facilities and capital works for the last three years, on year-wise basis, is indicated below:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Head		Funds allocated 2003-04	Funds allocated 2004-05	Funds allocated 2005-06
1		2	3	4
1	Maintenance and facilities	286.50	314.00	336.00
2.	Capital	261.00	272.00	246.00
3.	R & D	87.50	110.00*	95.00*
4.	IERP	95.00	110.00**	73.00**
	TOTAL:	730.00	806.00	750.00

* Figure in Col. 3 at Sl.No. 3 includes arrears for increased emoluments of Junior Research Fellows (JRF) and Senior Research Fellows (SRF). A step up in BE of Rs. 95 lakhs has been sought.

**Figure in Col. 3 at Sl.No. 4 includes arrears to JRF and SRF. A step up in allocation of Rs. 73 lakhs has been sought.

(c) At present there are only three short-term vacancies in scientific cadre due to lien/deputation.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.